



Clean Energy Future Committee

August 8, 2019

2:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Arlington Town Hall Annex, Town Manager's Conference Room

Members present: Ken Pruitt, Adam Chapdelaine, Marc Breslow (on phone), Dan Amstutz, Pasi Miettinen (on phone), Emily Sullivan, Ryan Katofsky, Shelly Dein (on phone) and Nellie Aikenhead.

Members not present: Jim DiTullio, Coralie Cooper, Dan Dunn and Dave Levy.

The Meeting Convened at 2:05 p.m.

Update and Discussion on Greenhouse Gas Inventory Methodology with MAPC and DNV GL

(this was the only agenda item/matter discussed during the meeting)

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the draft greenhouse gas (GHG) framework and tool for Arlington, Melrose and Natick, which is part of a net zero planning grant administered by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) and the three towns. The meeting consisted of a slide presentation by DNV GL (the firm hired to help MAPC develop the GHG inventory framework and tool) and MAPC, with questions and answers by representatives from the three towns and the public.

The meeting was a combination of in-person and conference call, with most CEFC members present at Town Hall and others on the conference line. Also on the conference line were representatives MAPC, DNV GL and the other two communities - Melrose and Natick – as well as members of the public (this was a posted open meeting in Arlington).

Presenting from MAPC were Megan Aki, Lilly Perkins-High, Nicole Sanchez and Brooks Winner. Presenting from DNV GL were Jim Lahey and Benjamin Butterworth. Participating from Melrose was Martha Grover and Gabrielle Watson. Participating from Natick was Jillian Wilson-Martin.

Megan Aki began the presentation by noting that the GHG inventory is part of the larger net zero planning project with MAPC, Arlington, Natick and Melrose, which was funded by the state's Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. This overall project kicked off in March and will be completed by December, 2020.

MAPC and DNV GL will provide each community with: 1) guidance on how to calculate GHG emissions, 2) a data entry tool to calculate and track GHG emissions over time, and 3) training for staff and volunteers this fall on how to use the data entry tool.

Representatives from DNV GL discussed the three Scopes of GHG emissions and how/whether elements of each would be included in our GHG inventories. They also discussed the data sources that would be used for those data. This discussion lasted for most of the meeting.

There were a variety of technical questions about data sources and elements of the three GHG emissions Scopes. MAPC and DNV GL promised to address all questions as they create the GHG inventory framework, written guidance and data entry tool.

The Meeting ended at 3:15 p.m.

Submitted by Ken Pruitt.